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WSP Plans High Visibility Enforcement Patrols During the Beyond Wonderland Concert

GRANT COUNTY, Wash. - Washington State Patrol (WSP) District 6 is partnering with Grant County Sheriff's Office to conduct High Visibility Enforcement (HiVE) patrols, with a shared goal of reducing serious injury and fatality collisions.

Our third HiVE patrol, out of a series of eight, will take place June 21 to June 24 and will focus mainly on driving behaviors that lead to serious injury and/or fatality collisions. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), speed-related violations alone claimed the lives of over 12,000 people nationwide in 2022.

"Historically, larger concerts brings higher numbers of speeders, aggressive drivers, bad passing, impaired drivers, and other criminal activity," said WSP Public Information Officer Trooper Jeremy Weber.

WSP uses HiVE patrols to utilize agency data to ensure resources are placed in the right locations at the right time to make the most impact. They also use extra resources to include K-9 troopers, Aggressive Driving Apprehension Team (ADAT) and other allied agencies to focus on their efforts. "It's not only these aggressive drivers who are risking their lives, but the many innocent drivers they share the road with," said Matthew Andersen, WSP Basin Sergeant.

In addition to aggressive driving behaviors, WSP will also be looking for the use of electronic devices and seatbelt violations.

Updates on the progress throughout the HiVE patrol will be provided on WSP District 6 social media platforms, including Instagram ([wastatepatrol_d6](https://www.instagram.com/wastatepatrol_d6)) and/or X ([@wspd6pio](https://twitter.com/wspd6pio)).

For questions or interviews, please contact Public Information Officer Trooper Jeremiah Matthews.

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